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1. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SUGGESTION THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA MIGHT HAVE REVERSED AN EARLIER UNDERSTANDING THAT ZAMBIA WOULD SEEK TO CLARIFY WHETHER USG DELIBERATELY "REBUFFED" BY GPRM ON AID ASSISTANCE OFFER MADE IN FEB THIS YEAR, I ASKED MARK CHONA FOR CLARIFICATION DURING CONVERSATION AUG 29 ON OTHER TOPICS.

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- 2. I INQUIRED IF ZAMBIANS WERE DRAWING CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN A) US AID OFFER WHICH QUITE SEPARATE AND B) US RECOGNITION OF GPRM AND DISPOSITION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS FOR WHICH USG HAS NOT RPT NOT SOUGHT HELP. CHONA SAID THIS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD.
- 3. CHONA SAID ZAMBIANS ANNOYED WITH SO MANY "OTHER COUNTRY" PLEAS FOR INTERCESSION WITH GPRM. THIS COULD BE A REFERENCE TO SOVIETS WHOM CHONA DISLIKES. ZAMBIANS HAVE MADE CONSCIOUS POLICY DECISION NOT RPT NOT "TO IMPOSE ON THEIR FRIENDS IN FRELIMO, WHO HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS."

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4. COMMENT. WE CAN'T RESIST BELIEF THAT ZAMBIANS DID

INDEED RAISE USG AID OFFER WITH GPRM BUT MAY HAVE BEEN
BURNED BY FLAT TURN-DOWN FROM GPRM UNTIL STATUS US CONGEN
LOURENCO MARQUES REGULARIZED, AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
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